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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING IRREGULAR
VENTRICULAR CONTRACTIONS SUCH AS DURING ATRIAL
ARRHYTHMIA

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the final Office Action dated July 23, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 58, 63, and 91 with the corresponding claims in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of the Amended Claims." The replacement claims are intended to reflect the specific amendments as detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

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1.(Twice Amended) A method, including:
obtaining V-V intervals between ventricular beats;
computing recursively a first indicated pacing interval, for a most recent V-V interval
concluded by a paced beat and for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a sensed beat, [from]
using a most recent V-V interval duration and a [previous] stored previously-computed value of
the first indicated pacing interval; and
providing pacing therapy, based on the first indicated pacing interval.